

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

September 15, 2008
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Denis Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

Marcie Palmer, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; GREG TAYLOR; RICH ZWICKER; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; DEPUTY CHIEF MARK PETERSON, Fire Department; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH, DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXELL, COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, COMMANDER CHARLES MARSALISI, and COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION
Constitution Week -
September 17 to 23, 2008

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring September 17 to 23, 2008, to be "Constitution Week" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to join in the special observance, as September 17, 2008 marks the two hundred twenty-first anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Police: Employee Promotions
and Recognition

Chief of Police Kevin Milosevich announced Police Department promotions as follows:

- Daniel Figaro promoted to Sergeant; and
- Craig Sjolín promoted to Sergeant

Chief Milosevich also recognized Officer Craig Johnson's recent military service supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, and recapped Officer Johnson's actions and experiences while deployed in Iraq. Chief Milosevich pointed out that the Police Department supports their citizen soldiers and noted that the training the officers receive in the reserves directly benefits the department.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2008 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ As part of the Renton Community Marketing Campaign, Renton is being featured for the next few months on Comcast's "Spotlight" Video on Demand (VOD). VOD subscribers can click "888" to find "Renton on TV." Renton is the only city with its own tab on the Searchlight main page, and the Renton material is being promoted on 300 cable TV ads that include John Keister inviting viewers to the On Demand programming.
- ✱ Sidewalk improvements on Jones Ave. NE, near Kennydale Elementary School, and street improvements on Houser Way S. have recently been completed.
- ✱ The date for the Community in Schools of Renton annual mentor

celebration was reported incorrectly in last week's Council minutes. The correct date of the event is 10/2/2008.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Sword -
Valley View Mobile Home
Park

Hallie Sword (Renton) requested that the sign noticing the proposed land use action at Valley View Mobile Home Park be moved to the front entrance of the park. She suggested adding the following to the sign: 1) the name of the community being redeveloped, and 2) a warning for residents and potential buyers letting them know they may be responsible for removing their homes or having them demolished if the proposed development is approved. Ms. Sword also suggested that the park manager should be responsible for notifying new residents of the proposed redevelopment, and that residents will be given a one-year notice to move if the project is approved.

Councilmember Corman remarked that the City may already require mobile home park owners to notify residents when there is a potential for the park to be redeveloped. He asked the Administration to look into the matter.

Mayor Law clarified that this situation is unique because the application was vested under King County.

Citizen Comment: Workman -
Valley View Mobile Home
Park

Barbara Workman (Renton) shared her family's background and economic situation. She stated that she could not afford to move her home at Valley View Mobile Home Park, or pay the \$6,000 to have it demolished. Ms. Workman also stated that if she were to demolish the home she would have no where to go. She requested the City's help in saving her home.

Citizen Comment: Casserly -
Touchdowns Sports Bar &
Grill, Safety Issues

Brian Casserly (Renton) expressed concerns regarding public safety and public nuisances at Touchdowns Sports Bar & Grill, 423 Airport Way S. He stated that after speaking to Council about the business last year, the situation briefly improved. He noted, however, that since late spring, residents have had to increasingly call 911 to report a wide variety of problems. Mr. Casserly reported that the problems include public drinking, loud arguing, public urination, loud stereos, and drag racing motorcycles. He commented that the management of Touchdowns has not taken the matter seriously, citing a lack of promised security at the establishment.

Continuing, Mr. Casserly stated that the bar moved into their neighborhood, not the other way around. He requested that the following steps be taken in the interest of public safety: 1) pressure the management of Touchdowns Sports Bar & Grill to hire off-duty police officers to secure the parking lot, 2) step-up police presence in the area, and 3) prioritize police response due to the recent violence that occurred at the establishment.

Mr. Casserly also requested, as a stakeholder in the neighborhood, to be kept informed on discussions occurring between the City and Touchdowns Sports Bar & Grill, as he and his neighbors would like the opportunity to contribute to those discussions.

Citizen Comment: Despuig -
Touchdowns Sports Bar &
Grill, Safety Issues

Linda Despuig (Renton) remarked that she witnessed the recent shooting at Touchdowns Sports Bar & Grill and was so affected by what she saw that she did not go to work for a week. She stated that she supports Mr. Casserly's comments, but would like to see the business closed.

Mayor Law acknowledged that neighbors near the bar have been very reasonable, and are understandably frustrated with the situation. He stated that the Police Department has stepped up patrols in the area, calls are being evaluated, and they are meeting with owner. He emphasized that the City must also operate within the limits of the law.

MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE THE ISSUES OF 1) HIRING OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS FOR SECURITY, PARTICULARLY FOR THE PARKING LOT; 2) STEPPED-UP PATROLS; AND 3) PRIORITY RESPONSE FROM 911, AS WELL AS REVIEW OF PRIVATE OWNERSHIP RIGHTS, AND MEASURES CURRENTLY BEING TAKEN TO ENSURE PEACE AND SAFETY AT TOUCHDOWNS SPORTS BAR & GRILL AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD.*

Councilmember Zwicker requested follow-up information regarding the recent incident, including the City's response and any additional calls the City is receiving regarding the business.

*MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of
9/8/2008

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 9/8/2008. Council concur.

CAG: 08-125, Citywide
Walkway Improvements, End
General Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 9/5/2008 for CAG-08-125, Citywide Walkway Improvements, 12 bids; engineer's estimate \$492,220.22; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to low bidder, End General Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$428,435.35. Council concur.

Community Services: May
Creek Property Purchase, King
County Funding

Community Services Department requested authorization to execute a purchase and sale agreement with Russell L. Bucklin to purchase 6.7 acres of land located in the May Creek Greenway, adjacent to Jones Ave. NE, and authorization to execute an amendment to CAG-90-029, Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County, to accept \$200,000 in grant funding for the purchase. The City's match is estimated at \$240,000. Refer to Finance Committee.

Community Services: Panther
Creek Property Purchase, King
County Funding

Community Services Department requested authorization to execute a purchase and sale agreement with 4A Development to purchase 3.66 acres of land located east of the Panther Creek Wetlands, and authorization to execute an amendment to CAG-90-029, Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County, to accept \$100,000 in grant funding for the purchase. The City's match is estimated at \$100,000. Refer to Finance Committee.

Plat: Lake Washington View
Estates, Lake Washington
Blvd N, PP-08-057

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Lake Washington View Estates Preliminary Plat; 13 single-family lots on 5.53 acres located on the 4200 block of Lake Washington Blvd. N. Council concur.

Public Works: Capital
Improvement Deferrals Cost
Contribution

Public Works Department recommended approval to establish the cost contribution toward Capital Improvement Projects for properties in which frontage improvements have been deferred by restrictive covenant. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Transportation: Commute Trip
Reduction Program Services,
King County

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with King County Department of Transportation to provide Commute Trip Reduction services to 24 affected employers in the City of Renton for 2008-2009. Council concur. (See page 296 for resolution.)

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE CONSENT AGENDA. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Solid Waste: Waste Collection
Services, Waste Management

Council President Palmer presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to implement the new Solid Waste Contract using Rollout Option A, which assumes customers will reduce their garbage capacity by additional recycling and placing organics in the yard waste cart, and will remain at their current cart size/rate category.

The Committee further recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve Solid Waste Contract Option 2: Every-other-Week (EOW) garbage and recycling, weekly organics including food scraps using the current subsidy structure for residential only rate assumption.

Concurrence with these options will allow them to be incorporated into the Solid Waste Contract, which will be brought before the Council in a Special Presentation on September 22, 2008. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee

Utility: Cyberlock® Security
System Purchase, iCressendo

Utilities Committee Chair Zwicker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the purchase of a Cyberlock® security system for the drinking water distribution system, in the amount of \$61,424.23, and authorize the fund transfer of \$1,425 from the Well 9 Telemetry Improvements account to the Water System Security Improvements account. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services
Committee

Appointment: Planning
Commission

Community Services Chair Briere recommended concurrence in Mayor Law's appointment of Gwendolyn High to the Planning Commission for an unexpired term expiring 6/30/2010 (position previously held by Brad Miller). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services: Fire
Station #11 Seismic Retrofit,
WA State Military Department
FEMA PDM Grant

Community Services Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Agreement E09-022 with the State of Washington Emergency Management Division of the Military Department to accept \$359,459.35 in grant funding. The Committee also recommended authorizing the use of the grant funds and funds from the Grant Matching Program of Fund 316 for the Fire Station #11 Seismic Retrofit project. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Services: 2009/2010
CDBG Funds Allocation

Community Services Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the Human Services Advisory Committee recommendation for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The following recommendation for public services are for two years (2009/2010), with the second year being contingent upon performance and availability of funds:

CDBG Public Services:

Multi-Service Center/Emergency Assistance	\$35,000
Institute for Family Development/Parents & Children Together	<u>\$12,298</u>
Total:	\$47,298

CDBG Capital Recommendation for 2009 only:

City of Renton Housing Repair Program	\$200,000
Planning and Administration:	\$47,000

Conditions for CDBG Projects:

1. All CDBG projects are subject to federal environmental review requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as of the date of submittal of application. An environmental review of Renton-awarded CDBG projects must be completed by King County before contracts will commence. Costs of the NEPA review will be charged to the CDBG project.
2. All projects must comply with Community Development Block Grant Program Regulations (24 CFR Part 570) and applicable King County Consortium policies as outlined in the King County Consortium Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan for 2005-2009, as amended.
3. All CDBG projects shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and City laws including without limitation, all City codes, ordinances, resolutions, standards and policies, as now exist or hereafter adopted or amended, including land use and/or building permit requirements and processes.

The Committee also recommended adoption of the CDBG Contingency Plan as recommended by the Human Services Advisory Committee should the amount of available funding increase or decrease.

Contingency Plan for CDBG funding:

For an increase in Public Service Programs funding the following applies:

- Fund Institute for Family Development PACT program to the 2008 level of funding, \$12,868.
- Any remaining increase will be applied proportionately to funded CDBG public service programs.

For a decrease in Public Service Programs funding the following applies:

Decrease funding to public services programs proportionately.

For an increase in Capital Project funding the following applies:

- Fund Renton Minor Housing Repair Program to \$200,000.
- Additional funds to Renton Contingency Fund for 2010.

For a decrease in Capital Project funding the following applies:

Decrease Renton Minor Housing Repair Program.

If there is an increase to Planning and Administration funding it will be allocated to planning and administration to cover administrative costs for Renton's CDBG program (CDBG covers approximately 60 percent of the cost of the Contract Specialist; the General Fund 40 percent). If there is a decrease in planning and administrative funding, funding is to be decreased for CDBG administrative activities.

If there is an increase in the General Fund, the increase will be applied proportionately among:

- King County Sexual Assault Resource Center
- Renton Area Youth and Family Services
- Washington Women's Employment and Education

If there is a decrease in the General Fund, the following applies:

- Any decrease up to \$2,800 will reduce allocation to Child Care Resources
- Additional decreases will be proportionately applied to Volunteer Chore Services and the Multi-Service Center General Literacy program.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION #3967

Transportation: Commute Trip Reduction Program Services, King County

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the Commute Trip Reduction implementation agreement with King County Department of Transportation for the purpose of implementing the Washington State Commute Trip Reduction Law of 1991. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

ORDINANCE #5407

Planning: Development
Regulations (Title IV) 2006
Docket Review

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards; and Chapter 11, Definitions, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code to amend the regulations regarding Towing Operations/Auto Impoundment Yards; and to add definitions for Tow Truck and Tow Truck Operations. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5408

Public Works: Surface Water
Operations Positions
Reclassification, Budget
Amend

An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget by reclassifying one Maintenance Services Worker III position to a Maintenance Services Worker I position, and reclassifying one Maintenance Services Worker III position to a Lead Maintenance Services Worker position in the Maintenance Services Division Surface Water Operations budget. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5409

City Clerk: Cable
Communications Systems
Amendments

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 17, Cable Communications Systems, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code to amend the definition of "Gross Revenue" and the regulations regarding the granting of franchises and technical standards. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5410

Franchise: Comcast Cable
Television Extension

An ordinance was read amending Ordinance No. 4412 granting to TCI Seattle, Inc., a franchise to operate a cable communication system within the City of Renton. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5411

Utility: Surface Water
Facilities FEMA Grant,
Budget Amend

An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget by increasing the appropriations in the Surface Water Utility Fund (Fund 427) revenue account and expenditure accounts in the amount of \$337,132 with funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Emergency Management Division, and the State of Washington, for the rehabilitation of the Elliott Spawning Channel and Maplewood Sedimentation Pond Maintenance project. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5412

Transportation: Speed Limit
Increase on Edmonds Ave SE

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 11, Speed Limits, of Title X (Traffic) of City Code by adding Edmonds Ave. SE from SE Puget Drive to SE 161st St. and setting the speed limit at 35 miles per hour. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Councilmember Palmer clarified that the speed limit increase is on Edmonds Ave. SE, near Cascade Elementary School, not near McKnight Middle School.

NEW BUSINESS

Streets: Jones Ave. NE
Sidewalk Improvements

Council President Palmer reported that the crosswalk near Kennydale Elementary School had been recently disabled due to scheduled sidewalk improvements causing disruption and safety concerns for school children. She read a list of names of City staff and contractors who reacted quickly to the situation by halting the job during the times children were passing, and by flagging traffic for improved safety.

Community Services: Parking
Garage Update, Diamond
Parking

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPIC OF THE PARKING GARAGE UPDATE (DIAMOND PARKING SERVICES CONTRACT RECOMMENDATION) TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL
ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:02 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Jason Seth
September 15, 2008